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Early Steps Learning Center Recognized as a Four-Star Quality Learning and Development Program

RICHMOND HEIGHTS, OHIO – November 12, 2015 - In recognition of a commitment to quality and an ongoing dedication to the learning and development of children, Early Steps Learning Center has received a Four-Star Step Up To Quality Award from the state of Ohio.

Step Up To Quality is Ohio's rating system for learning and development programs. Participating programs can earn a one to five-star rating.



In addition to meeting all standards for a three-star rating, programs with a four-star rating may:

- Have lower staff/child ratios.
- Use child assessment results to plan activities that best support learning and development goals for each child.
- Work with other organizations or businesses within the community to support children and their families.
- Have an active and organized parent volunteer group.
- Use input from families and community partners to inform continuous improvement process.

“Early Steps Learning Center is proud to be a four-star program” said Executive Director Angela Barringer. “We know that children have 1,892 days from birth until school starts and every day matters. It is important to us that children develop their self-confidence, social and emotional skills, and a love of learning.”

Research confirms the first five years of a child's life have a direct impact on how children develop emotional well-being, in addition to learning and social skills. For these reasons, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services and the Ohio Department of Education are committed to improving early childhood opportunities for all children in the state. To learn more, visit www.earlychildhoodohio.org.

About Early Steps Learning Center

Early Steps Learning Center is a 4 star-rated child care center with an exceptional education program and qualified staff who have a passion for fun. ESLC has proudly served Cleveland East Side communities for the past 12 years, with 2 Centers in Richmond Heights and 1 Center in Wickliffe. Teachers and staff are devoted to the Center's *Philosophy of Care*, in which they commit to providing a safe, secure, caring and stimulating environment to help children develop socially, emotionally and intellectually. In addition to curriculum-based educational programs, special programs such as Montessori Preschool, Spanish, Sign Language, and Christian Club give children even more opportunities to learn and grow. And don't forget about fun - learning through play is what they are all about! For more information, visit www.earlystepslearningcenter.com.

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